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An evaluation of a local Gypsy and Traveller Health Improvement Project

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Intervention

- Leeds West CCG funded specialist nurse to work with Gypsy and Traveller community

Remit of her role is

- pathways reviews
- implement health cards
- regular outreach and health check provision
- provision of advice and support to community members on key health issues
- work with GP surgeries to improve relationships/ pathways for GT community members

Methods

Theory of change

Mixed methods

Qualitative findings here

Key Findings

- Several barriers to accessing services
- Nurse role is highly valued, accepted and working well but needed trust
- Health needs very complex
- Outcomes include better access to health services (and services more widely), and improved self-reported health
- Health check not popular

Learning Points

- Engagement takes time
- Varying support amongst professionals
- Threshold for service entry????
- Outreach is important
- Gender differences apparent

Final comments

- Service now extended (an extra year)
- Additional funding now for Advocacy Post (community member appointed) – to complement specialist nurse role which will be evaluated by us going forward
- Final report to include quantitative data

Thank you for listening – any questions?

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